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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Fourth Session

OF THE

McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association

For the Year 1927

The next Annual Session of the Association will be held in the St. Johns Baptist Church, Uree, N. C., beginning Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928.

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McDOWELL-BURKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Chambers Chapel Baptist Church

GLEN ALPINE, N. C.

August 25, 26, 27, 28, 1927

OFFICERS

Rev. D. W. Rutherford.....Moderator
Rev. R. B. Gill.....Vice-Moderator
Rev. J. E. Chambers.....Recording Secretary
Rev. M. H. Craig.....Corresponding Secretary
Bro. J. H. Borders.....Treasurer
Bro. G. W. Freeman.....Historian
Rev. C. Dorsey.....Missionary
Bro. W. D. Jones.....Auditor

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Reverends. D. W. Rutherford, R. B. Gill, J. E. Chambers, J. A. Lutz, C. Dorsey, W. M. Brown, M. H. Craig, C. M. Thompson, C. R. Robinson K. L. Lytle, W. M. Johnson, Deacons Dan Davis, J. H. Borders, W. D. Jones, J. Jones, G. W. Freeman, W. T. Hardy.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Reverends D. W. Rutherford, R. B. Gill, J. E. Chambers, M. H. Craig, C. R. Robinson.

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. R. Robinson, 50 cents; R. B. Gill, 50 cents; J. E. Chambers, 50 cents; C. Dorsey, 50 cents; D. W. Rutherford, 50 cents; M. H. Craig, 50 cents; W. M. Johnson, 50 cents; W. M. Brown, 50 cents; J. A. Lutz, 50 cents.

LICENSED PREACHERS

J. D. Smith, 25 cents; K. L. Lytle, 25 cents.

HONOR ROLL

Bro. J. W. Freeman	$1.00	W. D. Jones	$1.00
Rev. D. W. Rutherford	1.00	Rev. Pompey	.75
Lester Steppe	1.00	Rev. Martin	.50
J. A. Lutz	1.00	Lizzie Walls	.50
R. H. Hampton	1.00	Sarah McAfee	.50
Ella Brown	1.00	W. T. Tuttle	.50
Cinthia Halliburton	1.00	E. Logan	.50
C. R. Robinson	1.00	Dan Davis	.50
Charlie Brown	1.00	Cora Rutherford	.50
Ike Ervin	1.00	Clifton Avery	.50
James Freeman	1.00	J. N. Freeman	1.00
C. C. Camp	1.00	Will McKesson	1.25
Harvey Moore	1.00	J. E. Chambers	1.00
Hattie Walls	1.00	Lettie Haiston	.50
Rev. Smith	1.00		

ROLL OF DELEGATES

W. D. Jones	$ .25	John Jones	$ .25
W. T. Tuttle	.25	Lettie Haiston	.25
A. Chambers	.25	Belle White	25
Dan Davis	.25	Ezra Logan	.25
Cora Rutherford	.25	W. T. Hardy	.25
R. H. Hampton	25	G. W. Freeman	.25
J. H. Borders	.25		

PROCEEDINGS

Glen Alpine, N. C., August 25, 1927.

The McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association met in regular annual session with the Chambers Chapel Church, Rev. C. R. Robinson moderator.

Session opened at 10:00 o'clock. After devotional the moderator declared the house was ready for business. The ministers and delegates were enrolled, (see roll).

At this time the hour for preaching having arrived, pulpit supplied, Rev. J. E. Chambers sang a spiritual, "I Don't Want to Die With the Lord." Hymn 260 was lined. Scripture lesson was read by Rev. M. H. Craig. Prayer by Bro. J. Jones. Rev. M. H. Craig was introduced to preach the Introductory sermon. He used for a text, Exodus 32:26, from which he preached a heart-felt sermon.

Collection, $1.25.

Recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opening at 2:15 O'clock

Devotional led by Brother J. D. Smith, after which the moderator announced the house was ready for business. At this time the officers made their reports and upon motion were adopted, after which all the offices were declared vacant, and Rev. W. M. Brown acted as chairman while the following new officers were elected:

Rev. D. W. Rutherford, moderator; Rev. R. B. Gill, vice-moderator; Rev. J. E. Chambers, recording secretary; Rev. M. H. Craig, corresponding secreptary; J. H. Borders, treasurer; W. D. Jones, auditor; Rev. C. Dorsey, missionary. It was moved and seconded that Rev. W. M. Brown install the officers.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY NIGHT

At 8:00 o'clock devotional was led by Rev. M. H. Craig. Address of welcome on behalf of the church by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Robinson. Response by Rev. R. B. Gill. Then Rev. Craig sang, "I Was a Wandering Sheep, I Did Not Love the Fold." The moderator then introduced Rev. J. E. Chambers to preach. He used for a text, Mark 2:3. From this text he preached a soul stirring sermon.

Collection, $5.50.

Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

Session opened at 9:45 o'clock. Devotional led by Rev. Johnson. Then the moderator announced the house was ready for business. The roll was called by the secretary. All the delegates were present. Minutes of the previous session were read and received. Then the officers were arranged for installation, and were installed by Rev. W. M. Brown assisted by Rev. J. D. Smith. All the officers turned many thanks to the body of delegates for the honor conferred on them. Then the Pulpit Committee made their report. Rev. J. D. Smith preached at 11:45 o'clock. Rev. C. Dorsey alternate.

Then there was a topic discussed, "Who is a soul winner for Jesus?" opened by Rev. J. E. Chambers, and followed by Rev. C. Dorsey, Rev. M. H. Craig, G. W. Freeman, all who made interesting remarks on the winning of souls for Jesus.

Time having arrived for preaching Rev. C. Dorsey lined hymn 396. Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Smith, Matthew 22:23-46. Rev. J. S. Laws led in a heart felt prayer. Hymn 559 was lined by Rev. C. Dorsey. Then Rev. Smith was introduced to the congregation to

preach. He used for a text Matthew 22:42. From this text he preached a heart felt sermon.

Collection, $2.55.

Adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional led by Rev. R. B. Gill, after which the moderator declared the house was ready for business. The minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted. Then Rev. J. S. Laws came before the body by permisson of the moderator. He made some timely remarks on the upbuilding of the Association. Also Prof. Carson, of Morganton, N. C., came before the body. He made some interesting remarks on, "Saving our boys and girls."

Then the letters from the churches were read and acted on. At this time Rev. Lee Pompey from the A. M. E. Church, was introduced. He made some interesting remarks on unity. Then the auditor made his report on letters. He reported $43.80 from letters. The report was received and adopted.

The committee on Temperance, committee on Arbituary, committee Place, all were received and adopted.

Adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening at 8:00 o'clock, by singing hymn No. 492, lined by Rev. J. E. Chambers. Rev. R. B. Gill was introduced to preach the educational sermon. He used for a text Matthew 11:29, "Learn of Me." From this he preached a great sermon.

Collection, $15.00.

Adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opening at 10:00 o'clock. devotional led by Rev. Lutz, after which the moderator declared the house was ready for business. Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. And the letter of Over Look Park Baptist Church was read, received and adopted. At this time the auditor made his report on enrollment fund, $9.65. He also made the report on letter from Canton church, $2.00.

Time having arrived for preaching the moderator then introduced Rev. W. M. Brown, who preached a stirring sermon from Matthew 12: and the latter clause of the 31-32 verses.

Collection, $1.50.

Adjourn.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

At 2:30 P. M. Reassemble. Devotional, led by the moderator. House opened for business. The Executive Board made their report. The report was received and adopted. Then Rev. C. C. Camp was introduced to the body. He made some timely remarks, after which the ordaining council was appointed, also the executive board.

4:00 P. M. Adjourned.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Opened at 8:00 o'clock. Devotional, led by Rev. C. Dorsey, after which Rev. C. C. Camp was introduced to preach. He used for a text, Isaiah 6:8. He preached a heart felt sermon.

Collection, $6.35.

Then the Committee on Reports made their report. Reports were received and adopted.

Adjourn.

SUNDAY MORNING

At 10:00 o'clock. Mass Meeting, Sunday School, taught by Rev. Lutz assisted by Rev. Martin. Subject of the lesson "Nathan leads David to repentance," second Samuel 12:1-10, 13.

Sunday School offering, $1.16.

Time having arrived for preaching, after devotional Rev. J. E. Chambers lined hymn 559. Rev. C. Dorsey was introduced by the moderator to preach the missionary sermon. He used as a text, Exodus 4:2, "What is that in thine hand?" From this he preached a soul stirring sermon.

Collection, $32.35.

After collection Rev. W. M. Johnson, $5.50.

Recess for dinner.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Opened 3:00 o'clock. After devotional Mr. Ed Pearson was introduced by the moderator. He made a fine talk on "Unity." Mill's Chapel choir, of Black Mountain, N. C., followed with a song of praise. Rev. C. C. Camp read the scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Brother Freeman, after which New Vernon choir, from Bostic, N. C., sang. Then the moderator was presented by Rev. C. Dorsey to preach. He used for a text, St. John 12:24, 32. He used for a subject, "The lonliness of Jesus," from which he preached a heart felt sermon. The spirit of the Lord seemed to have dwelt in the hearts of men and women while he spoke by the wayside.

Collection, $11.31.

SUNDAY NIGHT

8:00 P. M. Devotional. At 8:15 o'clock the moderator introduced Rev. J. C. Lutz, who preached from the text St. John 19:31, from which he preached an excellent sermon.

Collection, $5.40.

Mrs. Annie Roberts was introduced. She made some fine remarks, then the parting remarks were made.

Adjourn.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Education

Your Committee on Education makes the following report: We recommend to this Association that the ministers better equip themselves to preach the gospel, the ordained as well as the licensed preachers. We futhermore recommend to this Association that our ministers attend our Baptist schools, academies and colleges, and we further recommend that our Sunday School superintendents and teachers attend our training schools, to better equip themselves for teaching. Also, we ask our churches to patronize our Baptist publishing houses at Nasheville, Tenn. We encourage our churches and Sunday Schools to do more work in the churches and Sunday Schools, and better work.

Committee,

Rev. R. B. GILL
Rev. C. DORSEY
Rev. W. M. JOHNSON
Bro. LESTER STEPPE.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

(N. C. is ommitted from address, as none are outside of the state)

Chambers Chapel

Membership, 23. Money sent in, $3.75. Value of church property, $8,000.00.

Rev. C. R. ROBINSON, Pastor, Marion
A. L. CHAMBERS, Clerk, Glen Alpine.

Mt. Mariah

Membership, active, 37. Money sent in, $17.10. Value of church property $6,000.00.

Rev. C. DORSEY, Pastor, Sylva
LEE COOPER, Clerk, Marion.

Pleasant View

Membership, 28. Money sent in, $5.75. Value of church property, $1,000.00.

Rev. D. W. RUTHERFORD, Pastor, Marion
C. FLETCHER, Clerk, Ashford.

New Vernon

Membership, 49. Money sent in, $8.90. Value of church property, $1,000.00.

Rev. C. R. ROBINSON, Pastor, Marion
J. M. BLANTON, Clerk, Route 1, Bostic.

Mills Chapel

Membership, 94. Money sent in, $9.00. Value of church property, $2,000.00.

Rev. C. DORSEY, Pastor, Sylva
Mrs. IRENE UNDERWOOD, Clerk, Black Mt.

St. John

Membership, 47. Money sent in, $7.65. Value of church property, $1,800.00.

Rev. J. L. McCLUE, Pastor, Tryon
Bro. J. N. FREEMAN, Clerk, Uree.

Overlook Park

Membership, 14. Money sent in, $2.00. Value of church property $2,000.00 .

Rev. C. M. THOMPSON, Pastor, Canton
GEORGIA McAFEE, Clerk, Canton.

Matthew's View

Membership, 9. Money sent in, $1.65. Value of church property, $400.00.

No Pastor
LILLIAN HARDY, Clerk, Bridgewater.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

W. Tuttle, W. T. Hardy, D. W. Jones.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total amount of money raised.....$141.00

Amount Paid Out To—

Moderator	$10.00
Vice-Moderator	3.00
Secretary	15.00
Corresponding Secretary	1.50
Programs	3.00
Missionary	5.00
For Minutes	40.00
Ex-Treasurer	3.48
For Preaching	18.00
TOTAL	$98.98
Amount left with church	$42.02
Amount turned to treasurer	$40.00

RESOLUTIONS

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for his mercy and care which have permitted us to witness another Annual Session of the McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association; and, whereas Rev. D. W. Rutherford has presided over the deliberations of this Associational Session with such dignity and grace, looking after our every interest—

Be it Resolved: That we tender him a vote of thanks and pledge our hearty co-operation for the upbuilding of the Church and the Kingdom of God;

And whereas the pastor, Rev. C. R. Robinson, members and friends of Chambers Chapel, have made our stay here a pleasure as well as profitable—

Be it Resolved: That we extend them a rising vote of thanks, and pray God's bountiful blessings upon them.

We also turn a vote of thanks to the visiting choirs for rendering such beautiful music to cheer us on our way.

Respectfully Submitted.

CONSTITUTION

Article I.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches in full fellowship and practising the doctrine of the New Testament.

Section 3. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Missionary, and they shall be elected for two years. Any officer failing to give satisfaction shall be objected to holding office.

Section 4. No man shall be elected as an officer of this Association unless he is a member of a church belonging to this Association. Any minister or member joining a church in this Association shall have a letter from their original church.

Section 5. The object of this Association shall be fraternal, for mental counsel, and to promote the unity of churches, and also to raise money for missions and education.

Section 6. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, and be composed of not more than three members from each church, with a letter stating the condition of their church. The meeting shall be opened with an introductory sermon and continue until all its business is completed.

Section 7. The roll shall be called at 10:15 o'clock A. M. All delegates and preachers arriving after the roll shall have been called shall pay a fine of 25 cents.

Section 8. All visiting ordained ministers of our faith and order, who are in good standing with their own church, corresponding delegates and visitors, will be accorded the rights of a seat to give counsel but not to vote. Voting will only be done by the appointed delegates and ordained ministers of this Association.

Section 9. No man shall hold an office in this Association who has two living wives.

Article II.

Section 1. Any church of this Association that is corrupt in practice of doctrine after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim her, and still persists in her course, shall no longer be a member of this Association and it shall be published in the minutes.

Section 2. Any church of this Association failing to be represented, shall be visited by a committee, and if she fails to attend the next year she shall be excluded.

Section 3. The scriptures (the Word of God) shall be sufficient rule of faith, doctrine, etc., of this Association; and the tradition of men, where they have neither gospel or example in the scriptures to justify, shall be rejected.

Section 4. This Association shall have four annual sermons preached—Introductory, Educational, Doctrinal, and Missionary—the preachers of same to be appointed by the Executive Board. We will pay $2.00 for each sermon preached in the Association.

Article III.

Section 1. Any new church joining this Association shall pay the amount of $2.00 for joining fee, and will be entitled to the next sitting of the Association.

Section 2. All money raised and sent in for Association purposes shall, after all expenses have been paid, be left with the church where meeting is held.

Section 3. Every church represented in this Association shall pay for each Brother 25 cents, and for each Sister 15 cents.

Section 4. Each ordained minister shall pay $1.00; licensed preachers 50 cents; delegats 50 cents, and each church in the Association shall send $5.00 for the Assembly Ground.

Section 5. The moderator shall be paid $10.00; the recording secretary $15.00 and the treasurer, traveling expenses per session.

Section 6. This Constitution may be revised at any annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

Revised at Black Mountain, N. C., August 21, 1926.

Committee,

Rev. R. B. GILL
Rev. M. K. PAIGE
Bro. A. BOYCE
Rev. M. H. CRAIG
Bro. E. D. MORGAN
Bro. A. CHAMBERS
Rev. J. E. CHAMBERS
Rev. J. H. PETEWAY
Bro. LESTER STEPPE.